Draft Summary Record: Meeting of the Extended Bureau of the EAP Task Force

22 February 2016
Geneva, Switzerland

Contact(s):
Kumi KITAMORI, Head of Division, +(33-1) 45 24 92 02
JT03393052

Complete document available on OLIS in its original format.
This document and any map included herein are without prejudice to the status of or sovereignty over any territory, to the delimitation of international frontiers and boundaries and to the name of any territory, city or area.
Draft Summary Record: Meeting of the Extended Bureau of the EAP Task Force

22 February 2016
Geneva, Switzerland

1. Welcome and approval of the draft Agenda

1. The Bureau of the Task Force for the Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme (EAP Task Force) met in extended format in Geneva on 22 February 2016. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Teimuraz MURGULIA (Georgia).


2. Inputs to the 2016 "Environment for Europe" Ministerial conference

3. Noted the presentation by Georgia on the preparations for the 8th “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference, and the plan to launch an initiative on Sustainable Development Education.

4. Noted the presentation by the Secretariat on the plans for the OECD/EAP Task Force participation in the 8th “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference to be held on 8-10 June 2016 in Batumi, Georgia, and the planned contributions from the EAP Task Force to the Conference.

5. Welcomed the planned OECD presence at the Director level during the plenary sessions of the Batumi Conference as well as the organisation of two side events and the preparation of Policy Briefs to highlight the substantive work under the EAP Task Force.

6. Noted the debriefing by Switzerland in its capacity as the lead country of the Informal Expert Group On “Actions of the Strategic Framework on Green Economy” that met on 20–21 January 2016 in Glion, Switzerland for the preparation of the “Batumi Initiative on Green Economy” (BIG-E). The Bureau confirmed that the initiative of about 200 actions relevant to green economy will be on voluntary basis and the importance to link them to Sustainable Development Goals.

7. Noted the concern about the large number of proposed side events and welcomed the suggestion of the UNECE about the grouping certain side events.

3. The Re-branding of the EAP Task Force beyond the 2016 “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference

8. Took note of the introduction by the Secretariat of the note on re-branding and proposed modes of operation of the EAP Task Force after the 2016 “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)1].

9. Confirmed that the new name should better reflect the actual focus of the most recent work carried by the EAP Task Force.

10. Agreed on the "GREEN Action” programme (where GREEN stands for Green Economy and Environment) as the new name of the EAP Task Force after the Batumi Conference.

11. Requested the Secretariat to inform the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy of this change during its Special Session of to be held on 23-25 February 2016, so that the re-branding of the EAP Task Force could be reflected in the draft Ministerial Declaration.

12. Agreed that the operational modalities of the GREEN Action programme should be more inclusive and engage Ministries of Economy and other relevant government agencies, international organisations, IFIs, NGOs and representatives of business, while maintaining the key role of Environment Ministries.

13. Welcomed the suggestion to carry out a mapping of donor co-operation efforts that support greening the economies in the EECCA region.
4. **Proposed areas of work for the re-branded EAP Task Force beyond Batumi (2016-2018)**


15. Welcomed the overall outline for the proposed areas of work that include both continued as well as new area. Suggested to re-structure the framework and presentation of the programme areas and their titles to better reflect the overall context of green economy, further develop the introductory narratives and add a reference to Environmental Performance Reviews.

16. Suggested that the work programme aims to support policy analysis, the development of good practices, national and regional policy dialogues and the implementation of country specific projects with the overall objective of upscaling and co-ordination of efforts.

17. Requested the Secretariat to prepare a revised document on the programme of work, taking into account the comments from Delegates and the outcomes of the Batumi Conference.

18. Agreed to discuss the proposed programme of work at the first meeting of the GREEN Action Programme after the Batumi Conference.

5. **Closing remark**

19. Agreed to hold the first post-Batumi meeting of the GREEN Action programme during the week of 22 November 2016 in Paris, back-to-back with the OECD EURASIA Week.